

**.BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> 2014**

**Present**

Mrs Hall (in the chair), Mr Bruin, Mr Stones, Mr Carruthers, Mrs Wright, Mr Hughes.

Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

Mr Slee (EDC)

1 parishioner - Mrs Garside.

**80.1 Apologies for absence.**

Mr Campbell had a previous engagement connected with work.

Mrs Cooke (LDNPA parishes' rep. ) was unable to attend.

**80.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.**

Mr Hughes declared an interest in items 10 and 11a) as CCC councillor.

**80.3 Minutes of the meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Having been circulated the minutes were taken as read. They were approved as a correct record and signed as such by Mrs Hall.

**80.4 Public comments and concerns.**

None were made.

**80.5 Reports from EDC and CCC councillors.**

a) CCC\_ - Mr Hughes spoke about the budget proposals relating to possible removal of subsidies for bus services and for travel to school for pupils aged 16+. There had been much lobbying and discussion on this and he said that it was possible that both the subsidies concerned would be treated together. Other CCC matters were to be discussed later in the meeting as separate items.

b)EDC – Mr Slee reported on footway lighting. The matter was still under discussion after the members' scrutiny committee had given its opinion. It was thought that some lights on A roads could be offered to CCC and others to other authorities. Further information would e given when it became available.

**80.6 Finance.**

a) Bank balances - current account 4551.88  
reserve account 1000.30

Accounts to be paid;- Clerk's salary	406.25
½ SLCC sub.	38.00
A. Milne (grass)	1000.00
	<b>1444.25</b>

In current account following clearance;- 3407.63

Payments were authorised and cheques signed by Mr Hughes and Mr Bruin.

b) Budget and precept requirement.

A working party had met and discussed the figures drawn up by the Clerk. After discussion it was agreed that a precept of 5000.00 as suggested in the draft should be requested. Proposed by Mrs Wright, seconded by Mr Carruthers and agreed unanimously.

In connection with the budget Mr Milne had given a quote of 180.00 per annum to cut the grass in the play area in addition to his existing contract work. Councillors agreed to accept this quote.

### **80.7 Web-site.**

Mr Carruthers had spoken to Mr Cant regarding advertisements for the web-site and he reported that Mr Cant would send out invoices to existing advertisers in March. It was agreed that all advertisers should be charged the same amount – 40.00 at present.

It was also reported that the web-site was being quickly updated when information was sent to Mr Cant for inclusion.

### **80.8 Affordable housing report.**

Mr Carruthers reported that he had been trying, without success, to contact Mr Stacey re the possibility of land being available for housing. He had spoken to Viv Lewis at Burnbanks but there was not much hope of progress.

Mrs Garside, one of the members of the housing working group, said that she had contacted Eden Housing Association and had learned that local authorities are beginning to look outside the larger settlements for housing developments. EHA have a commitment to rural development but in sustainable communities. Bampton may not be considered sustainable because of the absence of a school. The identification of a suitable site was important.

There was some discussion. The working group would continue to meet and look at all the possible ways to progress.

Mr Slee left the meeting.

### **80.9 Planning.**

New application;- 7/2013/3127 Stanegarth. Internal and external alterations and improvements. (Circulated to councillors and comments forwarded to LDNPA)

b) permission granted;- 7/2013/3105 Bomby Waters. Extension for residential annexe.

7/2013/3092 & 94 Dalefoot Farm. Agricultural buildings.

### **80.10 Concrete road closure meeting.**

The Clerk circulated a written report of the meeting held with representatives from United Utilities, CCC Highways and interested members of the public. (Report attached)

Mr Hughes, chairman of the meeting, reported that the steering group formed after the meeting would meet at the end of January to discuss the way ahead. UU representatives would also be present.

### **80.11 Update on proposed bus subsidy cuts by CCC**

Mr Hughes said that huge savings had to be made by CCC and that only statutory services could be retained without cuts. It was possible that some transition funding could be set aside to help with changes to transport provision and some routes with lower subsidies might be retained. Voluntary car schemes would continue to be subsidised. He urged councillors to collaborate with Askham PC to provide a link from both parishes to the 106 service bus in Lowther which would probably be retained.

Mrs Hall would speak to Mr Cann, Askham PC.

b) Update on litter bins.

Mr Stones reported that the new bin installed opposite the Post Office prevented anyone parking there so the metal pole referred to at the last meeting was no longer necessary. Mr Carruthers would speak to the bin-men about emptying the new bins as this was not being done at present.

### **80.12 Councillors' concerns.**

Nothing was raised.

### **80.13 Items for the next agenda.**

Parish plan projects.

Parking on Knipe Moor.

**80.14 Date of the next meeting.**

Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm

**Correspondence circulated.**

EDC – review of special expenses.

CCC – closure of road, Helton to Bampton from January 20<sup>th</sup>

Connecting Cumbria – broadband newsletter.

CALC – funding opportunities via the Rural Opportunities bulletin.

CCC – grit bin policy.

ACT/ACRE – parish profile.

CALC – training courses.

Cumbria Community Foundation – report and flyers for coming events.

EDC – footway lighting report.